

ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE SUGGESTIONS

The opportunity for the public to submit suggestions for substantive rule amendments closed on April 1, 2009. The Advisory Council is now in the process of reviewing approximately the 1,000 suggestions received, which have been sorted into categories, some include sub-categories.

The Advisory Council has set the following public meeting schedule to review the categorized suggestions:

- **The Advisory Council will hold a second public meeting on October 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. EDT (5:00 p.m. CDT) at the Franklin County Government Center, 1010 Franklin Avenue, Brookville, Indiana to review suggestions received in CATEGORY: Fishing-Trout & Salmon on the Brookville Tail waters (Administrative Cause No. 09-087D).**
- **The Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on October 14, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., EDT (9:30 a.m. CDT) in the Garrison, Fort Harrison State Park, 6002 North Post Road, Indianapolis, Indiana to review suggestions received regarding the following:**

CATEGORY: Fishing/Except Trout & Salmon on the Brookville Tail waters (Administrative Cause 09-086D), which includes the following subcategories

- Boating Regulations
- Waterways & Trespassing
- Catfish/Other
- Catfish/Size Limit
- Catfish/Bag Limit
- Northern Pike/Decrease Bag Limit & Increase Size
- Striped Bass/Live Shad
- Black Bass/Stocking & Habitat
- Black Bass/Size Limit
- Black Bass/Season
- Black Bass/Bag Limit
- Walleye, Sauger & Saugeye/ Stocking
- Walleye, Sauger & Saugeye/Size Limit
- Walleye, Sauger & Saugeye/Methods of Fishing
- Walleye, Sauger & Saugeye/Bag Limit
- White Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass/Live Shad
- White Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass/Bag Limit
- Yellow Perch/Bag Limit
- Muskellunge & Tiger Muskellunge/Stocking
- Muskellunge & Tiger Muskellunge/Stamp+Catch & Release
- Muskellunge & Tiger Muskellunge/Size Limit
- Muskellunge & Tiger Muskellunge/Closed Season
- Crappie/Size Limit

Commercial Fishing-Ohio River/Eliminate
Commercial Fishing-Lake Michigan/Perch Bag Limit
Commercial Fishing. General
Methods of Fishing-Ohio River
Methods of Fishing/Rods, Lures & Line Fishing
Methods of Fishing/Live Bait & Shad
Methods of Fishing/Jugging
Methods of Fishing/Ice Fishing
Methods of Fishing/Cast & Net Size
Methods of Fishing/Bow & Spear
Licenses/2009 Licenses
Licenses/Non-resident Licenses
Licenses/Lifetime-Senior Licenses
Size Limits & Bag Limits General
Blue Gill/Bag Limit
Miscellaneous Suggestions

The Advisory Council has held the following public meetings as follows:

- ☑ **The Advisory Council met on September 14, 2009 and received input regarding CATEGORY: Fishing-Trout & Salmon on the Brookville Tail waters (Administrative Cause No. 09-087D). The minutes will be available as soon as practical.**
- ☑ The Advisory Council met on August 12, 2009 and received public input regarding CATEGORY: Hunting Birds, which includes the following subcategories (Administrative Cause No. 09-084D).
http://www.in.gov/nrc/files/AC_August_2009_Minutes.pdf
- ☑ The Advisory Council met on July 14, 2009 and received public input regarding CATEGORY: Hunting, Trapping, Taking Mammals/Deer (Administrative Cause 09-088D).
http://www.in.gov/nrc/files/AC_July_2009_Minutes.pdf
- ☑ The Advisory Council met on June 10, 2009 and received public input regarding CATEGORY: Hunting, Trapping, Taking Mammals/Except Deer (Administrative Cause 09-085D)
http://www.in.gov/nrc/files/Advisory_Council_June_2009_minutes.pdf

The Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings staff held public meetings on suggestions deferred by the Advisory Council regarding the following:

CATEGORY: Topics Deferred to NRC Staff:

- **Wild Animal Possession Permits (Administrative Cause No. 09-125D)**
- **Disability Hunting Licenses (Administrative Cause No. 09-126D)**

- Fish & Wildlife Area User Fees (Administrative Cause No. 09-127D)
- Endangered Species Habitat & Reintroduction (Administrative Cause No. 09-128D)
- Animal Sanctuary License (Administrative Cause # 09-129D)

The suggestions will be considered by or under the supervision of the Natural Resources Advisory Council, which intends to present its report at the January 2010 Natural Resources Commission meeting.

In keeping with the Advisory Council's statutorily prescribed responsibility to act in an advisory capacity to the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, the Advisory Council's report to the Natural Resources Commission will offer non-binding, recommendations. It is expected that in some instances the merit of a suggestion category might be easily assessed. It is also anticipated that in some cases there will be insufficient opportunity for the Advisory Council to gain a full understanding of the biological aspects, wildlife management implications, fiscal impacts, or interrelationships to other fish and wildlife issues and rules, etc. relating to a suggestion that otherwise appears to be meritorious. With that general premise in mind it is anticipated that the Advisory Council's report will include recommendations to either proceed or not proceed with respect to a suggested rule or will offer the recommendation that the suggestion be referred to the Department of Natural Resources for further study and detailed examination. In the latter instance, the Advisory Council will attempt to identify concerns or issues that the Department of Natural Resources should include within its study.

The Advisory Council also intends to develop additional information on suggestions that will require legislative action. The information gathered will be reported to the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources to be utilized in assessing whether to pursue the necessary legislation.

UPDATE ON THE NON-SUBSTANTIVE HOUSEKEEPING/CLARIFICATION RULE PACKAGES

Another component of the Natural Resources Commission's Comprehensive Fish and Wildlife Rules Enhancement Project involves the preparation of three "housekeeping / clarification" rule amendment packages. These proposed rule amendment packages primarily reorder language and combine related rule topics to improve clarity and simplicity.

- **FW: Deer "Housekeeping" Package (LSA # 09-44; Admin. Cause No. 08-189D) (1st Technical Package)**
This rule proposal was granted final adoption by the Natural Resources Commission on September 22, 2009 with a revision. The revision removed the proposed amendment that would have authorized the hunting of deer with firearms on military

UPDATE: **September 28, 2009**
Latest updates identified in **violet** font.

reserves and national wildlife refuges to begin on October 1. This rule package is presently being reviewed by the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

You are invited to review and comment on these proposed rule packages at <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>.

- **FW: Wild Animals, Mammals and Birds (LSA #09-479; Admin. Cause No. 09-026D) (2nd Technical Package)**
Update: Awaiting approval by the Department of Administration, Office of Management and Budget.
- **FW: Fish, Reptiles, Amphibians, etc. (Admin. Cause No. 09-058D) (3rd Technical Package)**
Update: Awaiting approval by the Department of Administration, Office of Management and Budget.